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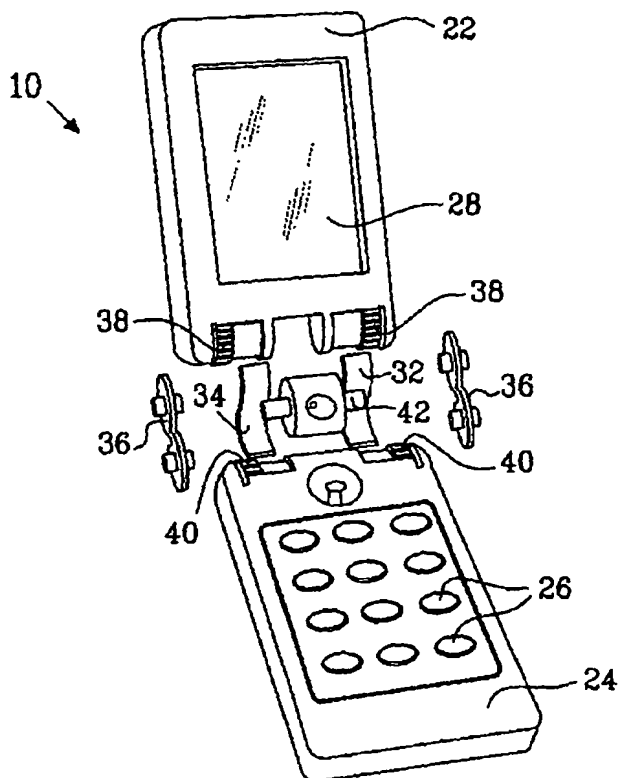
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(54) Title: FLEXIBLE CONDUCTORS CONNECTED BETWEEN TWO PARTS OF A PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE



(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed towards a portable electronic device comprising a first part including electrical circuits and having an exterior side, an interior side (24), and a bottom side, a second part also including electrical circuits and also having an exterior side, and interior side (22) and a bottom side, at least one hinge (36) connecting the bottom sides of the first and second parts to each other and allowing rotation of one part in relation to the other, and at least one first set (32) of flexible electrical conductors connected to the first part at the exterior side adjacent the bottom side thereof and to the second part at the interior side (22) adjacent the bottom side thereof. The first part can also comprise a camera having a lens on the interior side and the second part can comprise a display (28) provided on the interior side.



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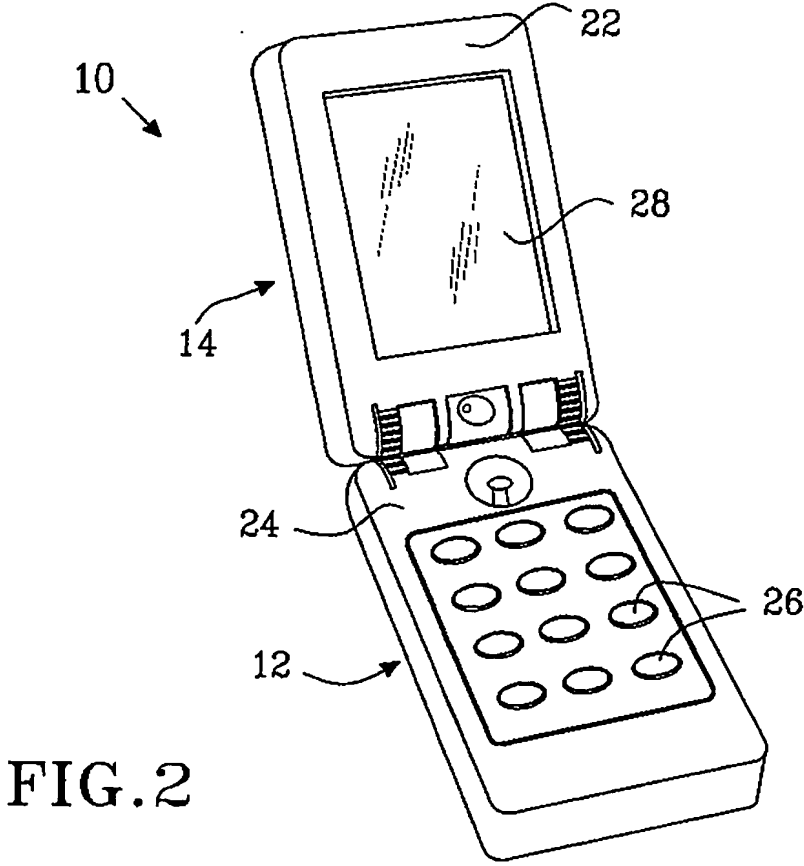
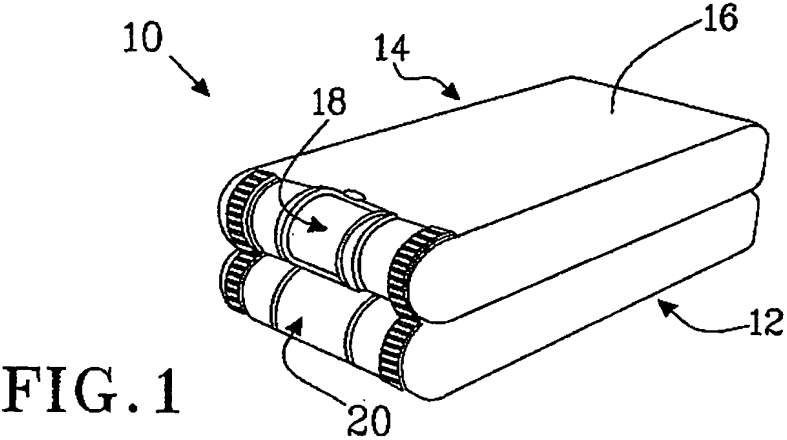
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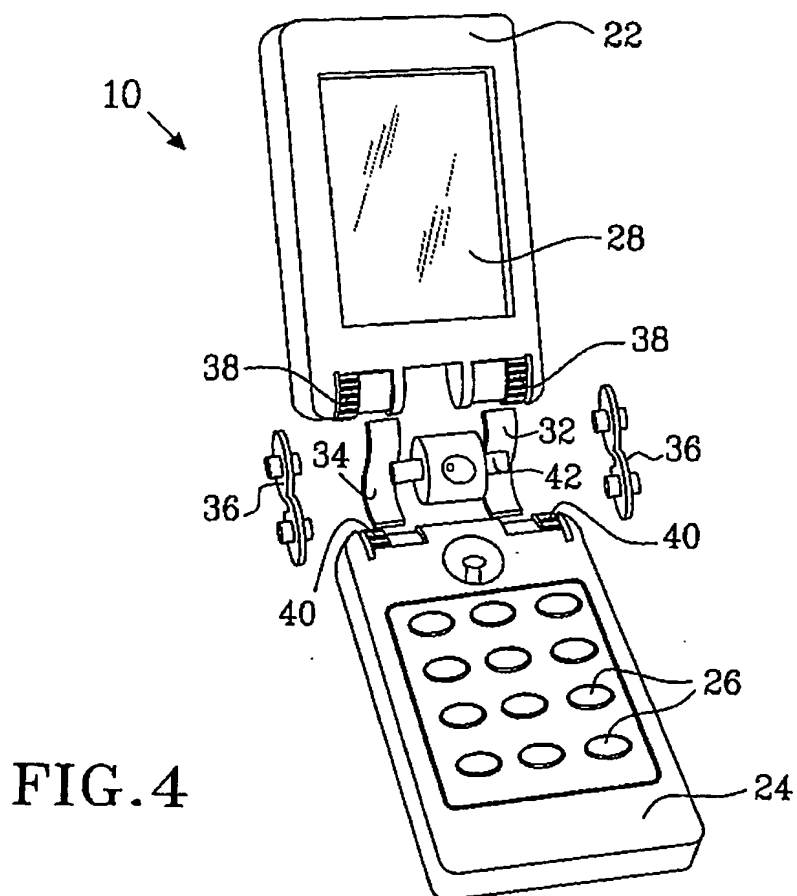
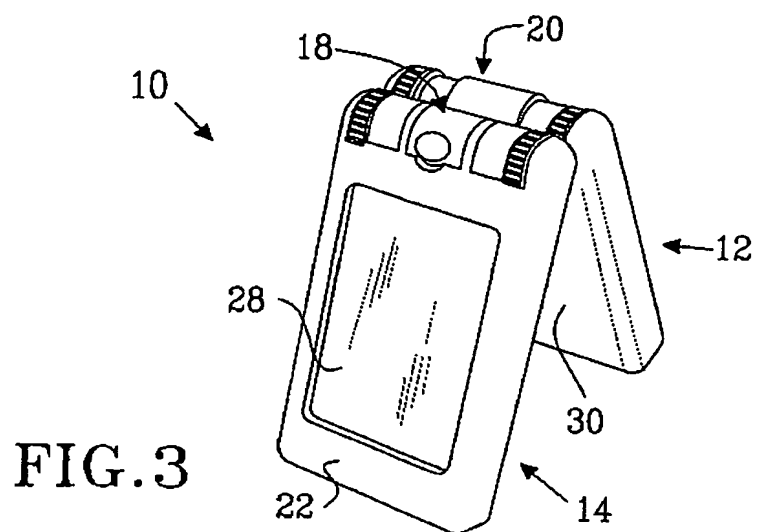
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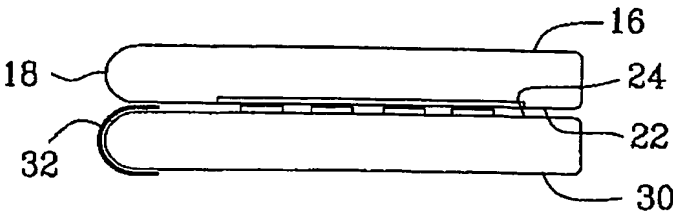


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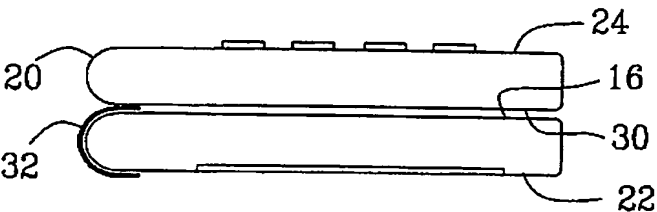


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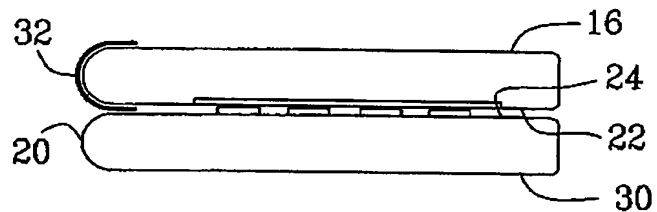


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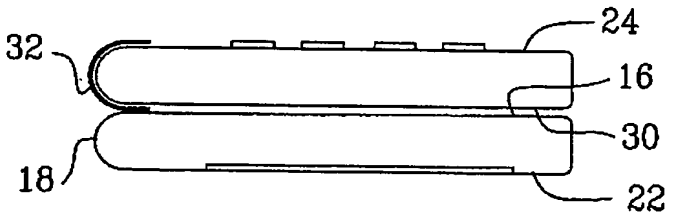


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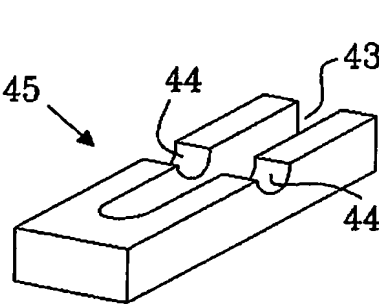


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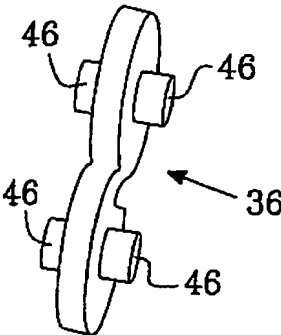


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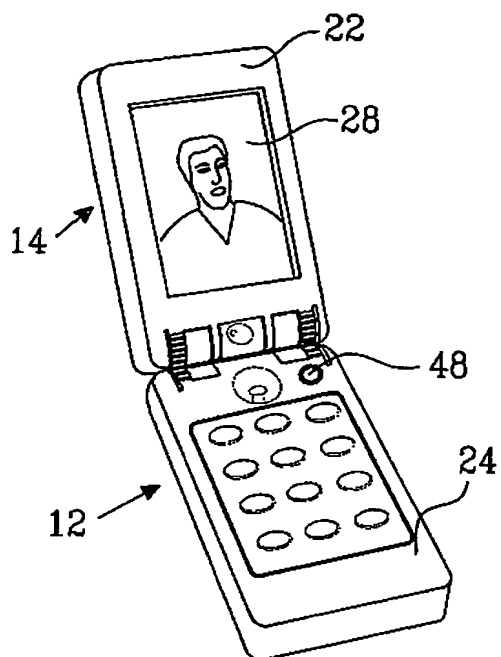


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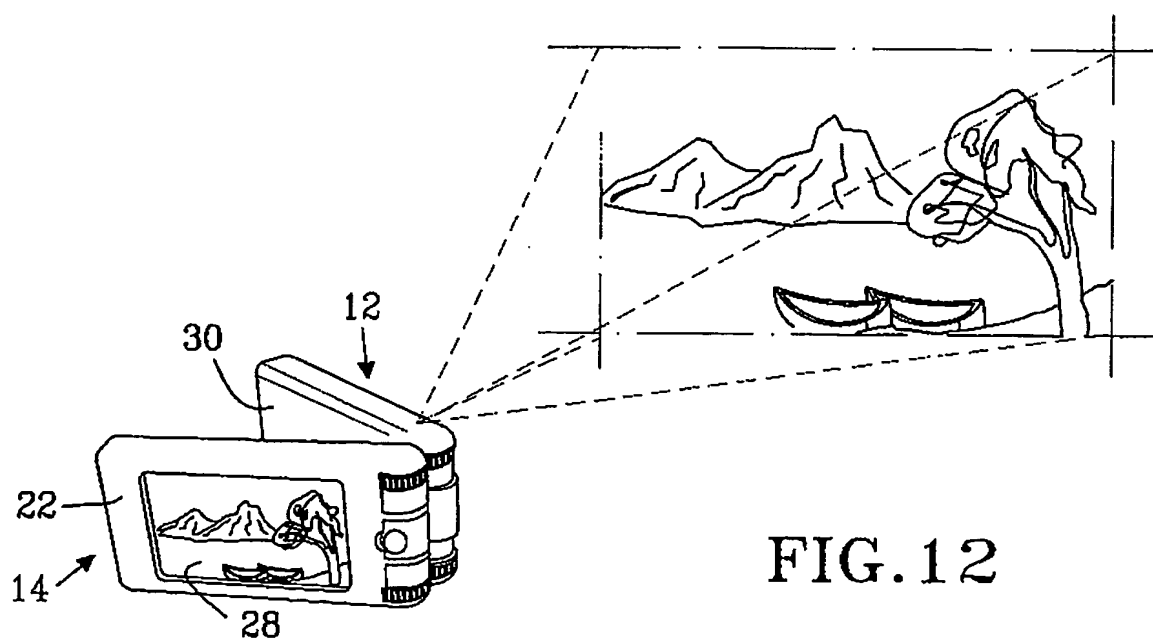


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